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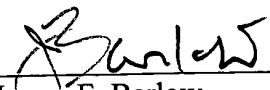
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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF REFERENCE CITED ON FORM PTO 1449

Sir:

The applicants received an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 that was filed on 30 September 2003. However, no initials appear next to the Journal article of Shimokawa et al. The citation to Shimokawa et al. is not lined through. Therefore, it appears that the omission of the examiner's initials is an oversight. A new copy of the PTO-1449 is attached. The applicants respectfully request that the examiner initial the Shimokawa et al. article on the new form PTO-1449 and return an initialed copy.

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